

Mapping & Assessment Subcommittee of the Governor's Forest Health Advisory Council

Update – September 9, 2004

Needs Assessment. The AZ FIRE MAP Project Team has completed a needs assessment and requirements analysis in order to set goals for work over the next ten months. Comments are more than welcome. Please provide feedback to Kathy Hemenway or Glen Buettner (gbuettner@land.az.gov, 602.364.1546).

Meeting Plans. The M&A Subcommittee will meet in October and establish a regular monthly meeting schedule. The first Wednesday morning of the month at 10:00 am is a possibility, with the third Wednesday morning as a backup. Please let Kathy Hemenway know if this is particularly good or bad for you, or if you know of any significant conflicts. The meetings will usually be in Phoenix. Information about the October meeting will follow.

FTP Site. We now have an FTP site for data exchange related to fire planning. It is located on the National Interagency Fire Center FTP site at the BLM in Denver. Thanks very much to Dave Wilson of the BLM and Glen Buettner of the State Cartographer's Office for setting this up. Glen will be able to post files for downloading from ftp.nifc.gov/Fire_Planning/AZ_FIRE, and anyone will be able to post files to the "datashare" subdirectory. Files in the latter directory will be removed after seven days. Glen is in the process of experimenting and getting everything set up.

AGIC Conference Workshop. The M&A Subcommittee and the AZ FIRE MAP Project Team have a session scheduled at the AGIC Conference in Prescott (agic.az.gov/agic2004). The workshop will be from 8:30 – 10:00 am on Friday, October 29. The purpose of the workshop is to talk about plans for AZ FIRE MAP and about the GIS work related to wildfire hazard mitigation that is going on throughout the state. The workshop will include talks followed by discussion. The planned presentations include:

- Glen Buettner of the State Cartographer's Office will talk about AZ FIRE MAP
- Kathy Hemenway will talk about data sharing and the Forestry and Fire Spatial Data Infrastructure (FFSDI)
- Jeff Whitham of Yavapai County GIS Department will talk about the Prescott area Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Jayson Coil of the Sedona Fire Department will talk about hazard assessment and the interface between planning and incident support.

LANDFIRE Rapid Assessment Workshop. There is a workshop planned for October 25 – 29 in Albuquerque to begin work on the LANDFIRE Rapid Assessment. LANDFIRE is a collaborative, multi-partner effort to map and model fire regimes and other biophysical characteristics at a mid-scale for the entire United States. The workshop will convene a panel of regional vegetation and ecology experts to document and develop the best

available science on historical fire regimes in the Southwest. This information will be used for modeling reference conditions and mapping Potential Natural Vegetation Types, Historical Fire Regimes, and Fire Regime Condition Class. For more information, go to www.frcc.gov and choose “click here” under the third “What’s New” bullet, or contact Mike Babler, mbabler@tnc.org, 303.541.0357.

CWPPs in Arizona. There is a very nice write-up on Community Wildfire Protection Plan projects in Arizona on www.healthyforests.gov/projects/index.html. It is at the bottom of the page under “Community Wildfire Protection Plans.” Choose “Select State.”